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Monica, just to be clear, the nutrient isn't upcoming so much as it is today and tomorrow. It is from 9am-12pm both days.

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Community Connections Network (CCN) Monthly Meeting- June 17, 2014

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Leah Medley is our newest CCN member and she'll be talking about the upcoming Nutrients training going on this week and impacts to Watersheds and communities.

Please join us or email me if you cannot attend but have updates from your branch or programs.

Thank you!

-ME

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Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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Welcome- Monica – Next digest will be out by Tues. May 27th. Please send any grants, webinars, work related announcements for community-based orgs by this Thursday if you haven't already. You can send them to R7_POIS_Communities_Mailbox@epa.gov

Round Table- (Give brief updates on Program Activities, Cross-Cutting areas, Requests for Assistance, Grants/Technical Assistance, Webinars, Training, FYI, etc...) –All

Jennifer - BF - St of MO is sponsoring BF conference for 2 days - Café style. It's in Jeff City, Mon. June 23 (afternoon) with other state & fed partners and June 24th (morning). Whitney went last yr. Previous yrs were in Ozarks and more community folks. When moved to MDNR office, was more states and fed partners. Sending invitations to various sized communities in MO.

Aiming for 50-60 people and catering lunch. TAB is also helping to recruit. If you have a handout/fact sheet. Will promote digest - Get business cards from Tegan on it.

Wendy - SC2 Initiative in St. Louis - Charlie Foley started May 19th on his detail in Mayor's office. He'll be coordinating Fed team in St. Louis. SC2 isn't grant but assistance from Fed agencies to help city work on planning/development issues. Ex) Northside regeneration and reuse of Pruitt Igoe site. Charlie will be working with different folks on host of different issues. Dave will be his EPA contact in R7. Big HUD presence, DOT, Dept of Edu., DOD, DOEnergy, NEA, Parks, etc..

Karl sent out email about workgroups in Region and there's one on Community work coordination- Curtis has lead from OPA to be more efficient and effective.

Process Excellence is also focusing on Communities. Shawn Grindstaff is lead and are first looking at Daily Digest and coordinating communities work.

Gayle - Working on Food Waste diversion project w/ Haskell to lead to more sustainable practices in future. To reduce org material out of landfill so exploring composting partnership with KU and KDHE. Haskell has more land for compost. Is part of Climate Action team project. Brendan and Monica are part of workgroup.

Also working on project w/ Iowa City called Food too Good to Waste- with city and Univ of Iowa. Focusing on curbside compost collection. Will use tools and resources from R10 out of West coast climate forum that they've already tested out. Will also collect data from participants to help us create more useful messages to get people to change behavior.

Dave - Also part of Climate Change Action Team - one of projects is Resiliency - focusing on Eastern Iowa to provide tech assistance to protect against flooding issues. Meeting with FEMA. Other regions are doing this R1,3 and 8 have done lots of adaptation strategies with communities.

We were approached by MDNR's tanks program and Andy Bracker KCMO - asked to

help with redevelopment along 39th St. Corridor near Bruce Watkins to Prospect. Also met with Margaret may to do retail/housing market analysis. So looking for \$ to bring in consultant with UST and BF. Tap into OSC contracts or other offices.

TAB has funding and aren't limited to their scope of work and can tap other contractors.

Dave will touch base with Jen in BF.

Susan Klein will work on KC BF projects now so keep her in loop.

Kathleen - Healthy Schools - had a plan but lost SEE grantee Harry Diesel so trying to figure out new project for another SEE to do. SEE will have to have Healthy schools tether to it. So possibly could tie in to SC2 project in St. L. Thinking of daycare focus then overall schools. Most likely would be for a year.

- Then will get new funding this year to do a train the trainer for healthy schools service providers. Hoping to do non-competitive grant with CMH and they'll go into 4 states or also work with SEE to help get word out.

- Envi Ed grant will be awarded soon. Will be new RFP coming out soon!

- We recently had Pres. Envi Youth award in Iowa city re: composting and reusing biodiesel with youth.

Jen O. - HQ did UW selections for sm grants. We got 2 selections but still nonpublic - Blue River Water shed association and Heartland Conservation Alliance. Let her know so not duplicating. Both are in KC MO. RFP was focused on Middle Blue River area.

Suggestion from Gayle - Earthforce fr R8 came to office and talked about schools going out and doing watershed projects and would combine UW education with waste in streams. Denver hired consultant to look at behaviors/attitudes toward trash in large diverse community there and came up w/ good data on messaging and where to focus efforts for better waste mgmt or air or water, energy. Was lot of good info out of study.

HQ is still working on various pieces with UW and Jen can send the example to HQ for consideration.

Denise - ATSDR- Working on Westlake landfill and FUSRAP (Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Plan) is a DOD site -Mallinckrodt ran out of space for radioactive waste so put at interim

storage site in downtown St. Louis, which was first steps of Manhattan project. Lots of folks don't understand radiation. There are many diverse groups - Nuns go out to pray there. Westlake has horrendous odors connected to Bridgeton landfill (subsurface smoldering) and are digging. Westlake has radioactive waste in soil. So are lots of fears and lots of lawsuits. And different people are doing sampling and going to media. Need better mechanisms to reach out to community. Community Advisory Group is at one site. Cold water creek is nearby so could connect to UW grants if had community based nonprofit to apply for grant. Weldon Springs has own radioactive pile, and there is big impact from all military facilities, and USACE are involved. The worry and anxiety can also impact health.

Public affairs and Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) are working on sites and are very hot issues, and a team meets 2x a week. Daily FOIAs. Denise/ATSDR would like to talk with physicians (CMH has PEHSU \$\$) and are also reaching out to Wash U to see if they can assist. Are 3 FaceBook pages on Westlake.

Link of Admin. McCarthy talking about Communities:

<http://workplace.epa.gov/realizingoneepa/communities.html>

Spotlight Discussion- FY14-FY18 Cross-Agency Strategy for Working to Make a Visible Difference in Communities – Wendy Lubbe & All

Strategy - <http://workplace.epa.gov/realizingoneepa/pdf/communities-strategy.pdf>

Action Plan - <http://workplace.epa.gov/realizingoneepa/pdf/communities-action-plan.pdf>

A lot of what we do is about Communication and need to do better job on getting messages out and the work that is being done (facts) like Westlake landfill to set the facts straight. Shifts back from Enforcement and Regulatory and Outreach/ Community-based work.

First part of Obama admin. focused on EJ and children's health. Admin McCarthy/Bob P. - want communities to be organizing principle for all work we do. Was debate since late 90s on things outside of main goals so we have themes and 4 cross cutting strategies. Gina wanted to give them more clout.

-Sustainability

-Communities

-Partnerships

-HPO

Dec. 2013 SES meeting was only on these 4 themes. 450 people attended.

See two docs - Strategy and Action Plan. R7 will be lead region again starting Oct. 1, 2014. Mark H. is co-chair.

Questions?

Recall Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

We're looking at qualitative measures like a Dashboard. It is hard to quantify? Ex) Region 1 grants model.

Kathleen - will be time to comment on these so CCN should weigh in as it will impact work we do and how we do it.

Next Meeting- June 17th

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